

**Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of sportMoray, held in Moray College, on
Monday 16th June, 2008 – 7pm**

1.0	<p>PRESENT</p> <p>Ronnie Sim – Exec Committee Member – SALSC - Bowling Patsy Fraser-MacKenzie – Exec Committee Member - Forres Gymnastics Club David McConachie – Chairman – Boys’ Football Ann Rossiter – Vice-Chair - Forres Academy – Badminton Moray Caroline Coomber – Secretary - The Moray Council Kim Paterson – The Moray Council – Sports Development Angela Walker - Exec Committee Member - Elgin Amateur Athletics Club Councillor Douglas Ross – Exec Committee Member - The Moray Council Gregor Ewan – Exec Committee Member - Moray Wheelchair Curling Club Margaret Dunbar – Exec Committee Member – Funding Co-ordinator Hamish Cameron – Forres Harriers John Third – St Andrews and Urquhart Bowling Club Andrew Kelly – Moray Archery Mike Archibald – Elgin Amateur Athletics Club Janice Hawco – Elgin Tennis Club Alastair Docherty – Moray RFC</p>	
1.1	<p>There was a delay to the start of the AGM as it is stated in the Constitution that there must be a Quorum of 15 present at an AGM. At 7pm only 14 were present. But the required number arrived soon after and the meeting commenced.</p>	
2.0	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p>	
2.1	<p>David McConachie, Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending. He mentioned that numbers were well down on last year but that this AGM was more low key and the fact that the recent Club Networking Evening attracted so many people, compensated for this to a certain degree. The future Chair will need to address ways of getting more people to attend the AGM. Apologies were received from Carol Flett, John McMulkin, Councillor Gary Coull and Steve Blacklaw.</p>	
3.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 18/06/07</p>	
3.1	<p>Proposed by Gregor Ewan and seconded by Angela Walker</p>	
4.0	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
4.1	<p>It was pointed out that it was Andrew Welsh from St Andrews and Urquhart Bowling Club who attended last year’s AGM and not Ann Walsh!</p>	
5.0	<p>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT</p>	
5.1	<p>David began by referring to the website and how inexpensive but effective it has proved in the promotion of sportMoray. A big thank you was extended to Paul Matheson of Forres Bluefins for setting it up and for keeping it bang up to date. So far it has proved hugely successful:- 7450 independent hits since 1st January 2008 to sportmoray.co.uk domain resulting in 49999 hits to other pages within the site. Paul was given a gratuity for his efforts which he very kindly donated to his club. It is hoped that the website will continue to develop further.</p>	

5.2	David then went on to talk about the Clubcap Scheme being offered to clubs by Kim Paterson to help them develop a structure and a ‘star rating’.	
5.3	Awards evening was once again a tremendous success. A focal point for the year. The recent Club Network evening was also a huge success attracting higher numbers than a similar event held in Aberdeenshire. Could AGM have been held at the same time?	
5.4	He then went on to thank Kim Paterson, The Moray Council’s Sport Development Officer and Caroline Coomber, The Moray Council’s Assistant Leisure Officer, for their efforts over the year. Ann Rossiter of Forres Academy was thanked next for organising the sportMoray Golf and Tennis tournaments helping to highlight sportMoray in the community. Thanks next to Ronnie Sim who represents SALSC. Important that sportMoray have this link.	
5.5	Thanks also to Chris Saunderson and ‘The Northern Scot’ newspaper who are very supportive, also to Steve Blacklaw for auditing the accounts and saving sportMoray approximately £700 a year in audit fees.	
5.6	A thank you to Margaret Dunbar for organising the ASDA backpacks and raising additional funds for sportMoray.	
5.7	David then mentioned the sad passing of Gordon Henderson. A stalwart on the Committee whose time, effort and experience was very much appreciated. He will be sadly missed.	
5.8	David finished off by saying that sportMoray was going in a positive direction and was well ahead of the game compared to larger Sports Councils in the Central Belt. He thanked the Committee for their support during his time in office.	
6.0	TREASURER’S REPORT	
6.1	A copy of the audited accounts was handed out to all in attendance. Steve Blacklaw very kindly audited the accounts. He was unable to attend the AGM but he is to receive a bottle of whisky as a thank you gesture.	
6.2	Kim and Caroline to look at affiliation fees. Quite a difference between this year and last year. Some clubs affiliated late so it is possible that these fees will show up in the 2008/2009 accounts which begin from 1 st April 2008. (Tax year and affiliation year are at different times).	
6.3	The £5324 deficit for the year is to do with the Mega Sports Festival. The funding was received in the last financial year which is why 2007 shows a surplus of £10359.86.	
6.4	Part of the expenditure shows T-shirt printing. This was for the Bag Pack at Christmas time. Need to find out where these T-Shirts are.	
6.5	Proposed by Gregor Ewan and seconded by Kim Paterson.	

9.0	AFFILIATION FEES	
9.1	It was agreed that the affiliation fees for the year remain at £30 per club and £15 per individual due to the present financial climate. Proposed by Ronnie Sim and seconded by Hamish Cameron.	
10.0	AOCB	
10.1	It was suggested that more social occasions should be arranged so that clubs and committee can network and sportMoray can get more people on board. It was thought that incentives would be required. Suggestions for promoting sportMoray were put forward such as advertising itself more as a voluntary group; how word of mouth definitely makes a difference; website is a big advantage; identify the aims for the next 6 months and submit a press release to Chris Saunderson at Northern Scot. Arrange more photo calls. It was pointed out that sportMoray have been quite pro-active with regard to this lately and there have been about 4 pictures in press over last few weeks with another two pending. Target clubs who aren't affiliated. Provide a certificate for clubs affiliating that they can hang on a notice board. Provide new photos for display boards. The proposed new banners should help. An article in MVSO magazine? Highlight sportMoray throughout the community.	
10.2	All in all it was thought that sportMoray was heading in the right direction. It was felt though that to attract more people to the AGM, some sort of incentive will be required. Other sports councils are struggling too. Gregor mentioned that sportMoray was one of the better run groups that he's been part of. It was felt that clubs maybe don't feel any loyalty to sportMoray and are only interested in receiving grants or turning out for the Awards night. They need to know that sportMoray needs their support. It was thought too that communication within some clubs may be bad. Could it be that a lot of club members didn't realise that the AGM was happening? May be an idea to issue posters in the future and ask specifically for these to be hung up for all to see. Another factor may be that AGM is always held in June when some clubs may be closing down for the summer.	
10.3	It was requested that when sportscoach UK courses are held in the future can the nights they are held on be staggered? At the moment they all seem to land on a Thursday evening. Caroline said that she would look into this.	
11.0	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
11.1	Monday 30 th June at Elgin Community Centre – Green Room at 4.30pm (Grants meeting will take place at 3.30pm).	
